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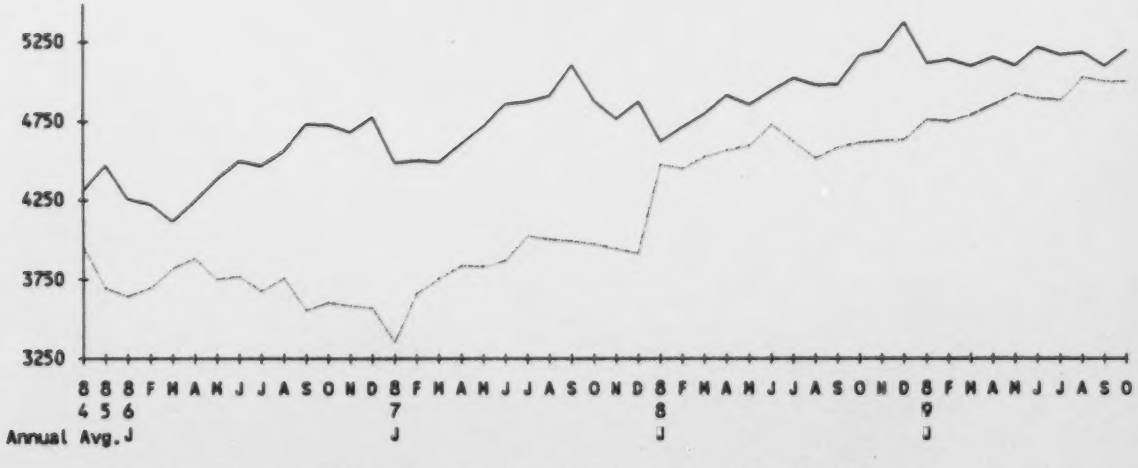
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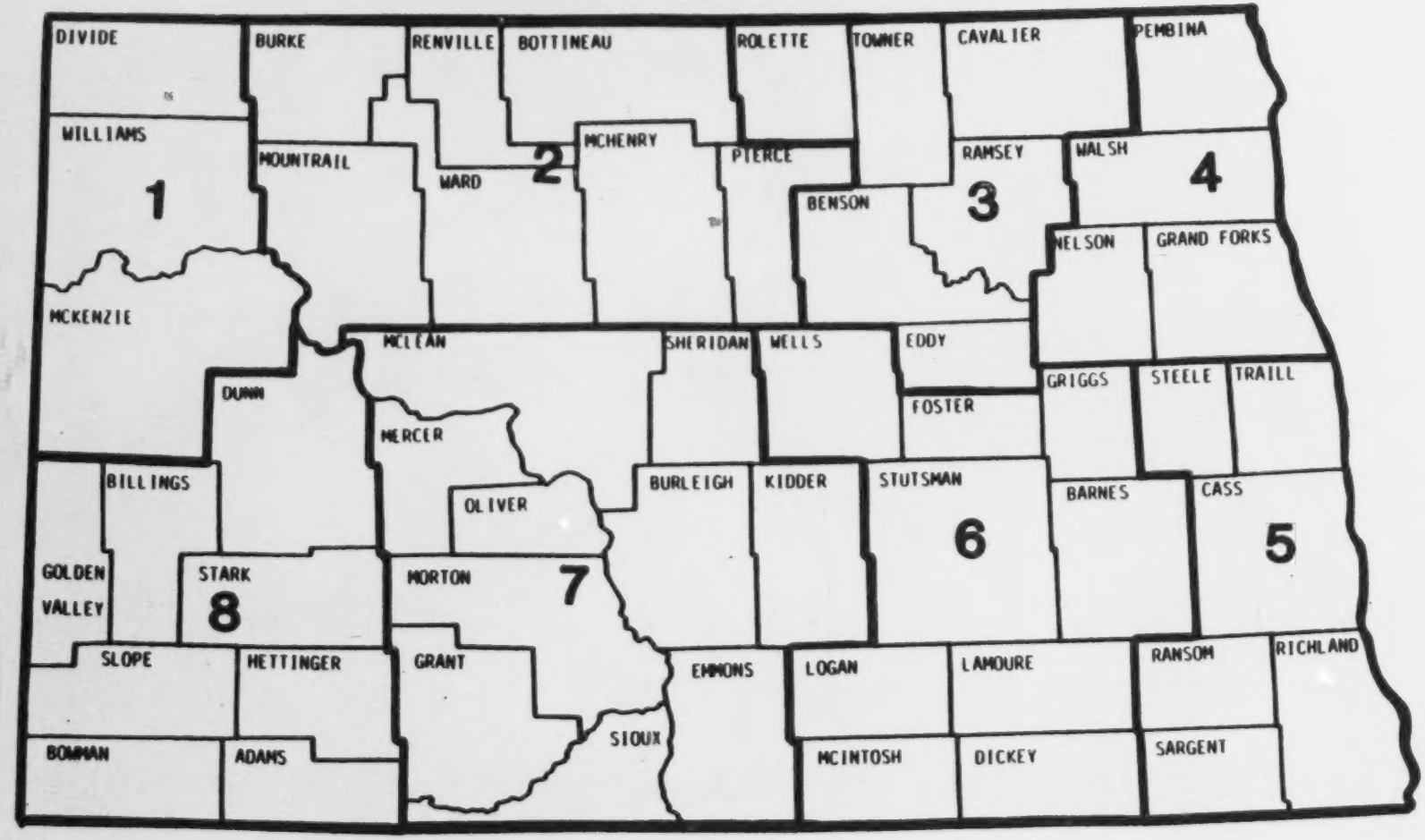

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THE 1990 ANNUAL PLANNING REPORT: NOT NECESSARILY THE NEWS

The 1990 Annual Planning Report was distributed to over 400 individuals, state agencies, and private concerns in October. The report presents Job Service North Dakota's overall labor market short-term review and outlook through 1990. For the 400 recipients of the report, this article will not necessarily be news. On the other hand, for those who still have some questions concerning the direction the labor market has come from and where it appears to be heading, the report may be of interest.

Annual Planning Reports for North Dakota have historically developed information at the county level, the smallest geographic area for which labor market data are consistently published throughout the United States. In addition to providing as much county-level data as possible (with references to sources of added detail), the report defines the concepts used throughout the country to measure and evaluate the nature and direction of employment change and growth.

The objective of developing county-level data represents an attempt to make the report as meaningful and useful to as many people as possible. (However, some types of information, and often the most interesting data, can only be published at the state level.) In addition, forecasts of performance in such key industries as agriculture, manufacturing, or mining focus on specific commodities such as oil or wheat, or are aimed at the state's economic performance in general. These state-level or commodity-specific forecasts are drawn into the report along with county-level labor market information in order to facilitate the reader's interpretation of the link between state-level data, employment growth forecasts, and local interests.

The available data indicates that the rate of farm loss between 1987 and 1989 has slowed down compared to the rate of loss between 1980 and 1986. In the nonagricultural wage and salary labor market, after crumbling during 1984, 1985 and 1986, employment growth stood at 1.1 percent in 1987 and 1.3 percent in 1988. Employment growth for all of 1989 is expected to slow somewhat, due partly to the continued drought, while the major constraint to job growth in the state during 1990 will be the slower growth of the national economy.

While nonagricultural job growth has been relatively strong, the wages associated with that job growth have not kept pace with the rate of inflation. On the other hand, two industries which have been at the heart of increased employment opportunities have average earnings per Job Insurance covered job that are well above the statewide all-industries earnings rate of $1,375.72 per month (1988 data). The manufacture of machinery and transportation equipment, at 5,000 jobs in this month's Labor Market Advisor, has shown strong growth during the past two years, while the combined industries of trucking and warehousing (5,200 jobs in October) have been growing steadily for several years. Moreover, the report indicates that these two industries will continue to grow over the forecast horizon.

Finally, what impact has the crisis in agriculture and the mid-decade upheaval in the wage and salary labor market had on North Dakota's population and labor force? The definitive answer to that question lies in the Decennial Census, scheduled for April of 1990. In the meantime, two sources of information have given us a glimpse into the effects of economic forces on the state's population. The report notes that both the October 1988 special labor

force census of the Standing Rock Indian Reservation, and the April 1987 Decennial Test Census of ten counties in west north central North Dakota reveal a substantial loss of population directly related to agriculture. But not everyone has left rural areas, and there is a pattern to the out-migration. Among non-Indians, nearly everyone who has remained in Sioux county is employed. Although there are indications that adult females would like to improve their employment opportunities (increase the number of hours worked or change from part-time to full-time work) the solution to the crisis in agriculture appears to have been out-migration.

The pattern of out-migration for the counties which have been surveyed by the Census Bureau indicates that those who have left rural areas are more likely to be the younger members of the post-war babyboom generation. The oldest of the boom generation are now 42 years old, while the youngest are 25. In 1980, the boom generation comprised one-third of the state's total population and it was this group that was exposed to the bulk of the labor market turmoil during the decade. As a result of selective out-migration, rural North Dakota's labor force is comparatively older than either the state's urban labor force or the nation's labor force. As North Dakota's labor force matures, so does its expectations about the quality of employment opportunities and working conditions. The supply of labor in North Dakota is aging more rapidly than in the nation as a whole, and this trend will be an important factor in North Dakota's economy during the next decade rather than simply part of the short-term outlook to which most of the Annual Planning Report directs itself.

Population, labor force, wage rates, the history of employment and the forecast for growth in North Dakota represent just some of the topics covered in the report. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the Annual Planning Report, the Research and Statistics section can be reached at the address and telephone number on the title page of this publication.

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NORTH DAKOTA
NONAG WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(Rounded to Fifty)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	October 1989	September 1989	September 1989	October 1988	October 1988
TOTAL	266,250	263,450	1.1%	261,500	1.8%
MINING	4,050	4,050	0.0%	4,250	-4.7%
Coal	1,100	1,100	0.0%	1,100	0.0%
Crude Petroleum & Nat.Gas	2,500	2,500	0.0%	2,700	-7.4%
Other Mining	450	450	0.0%	450	0.0%
CONSTRUCTION	11,900	12,000	-0.8%	11,500	3.5%
Building Construction	3,100	3,100	0.0%	2,900	6.9%
Street,Highway & Heavy	3,400	3,300	3.0%	3,100	9.7%
Special Trade Construction	5,400	5,600	-3.6%	5,500	-1.8%
MANUFACTURING	16,950	16,650	1.8%	16,950	0.0%
DURABLE GOODS	8,150	8,100	0.6%	7,550	7.9%
Stone, Clay & Glass	750	750	0.0%	800	-6.3%
Primary & Fab. Metals	950	900	5.6%	850	11.8%
Machinery & Trans. Equip	5,000	5,000	0.0%	4,600	8.7%
Other Durable Goods	1,450	1,450	0.0%	1,300	11.5%
NONDURABLE GOODS	8,800	8,550	2.9%	9,400	-6.4%
Food & Kindred Products	4,650	4,400	5.7%	5,050	-7.9%
Dairy Products	700	700	0.0%	700	0.0%
Fruit, Vegetables & Sugar	1,600	1,450	10.3%	1,950	-17.9%
Bakery Products	500	500	0.0%	500	0.0%
Other Food & Kindred	1,850	1,750	5.7%	1,900	-2.6%
Printing & Publishing	2,400	2,400	0.0%	2,400	0.0%
Other Nondurable Goods	1,750	1,750	0.0%	1,950	-10.3%
TRAN, COMM & UTILITIES	17,400	17,200	1.2%	17,300	0.6%
TRANSPORTATION	9,100	8,900	2.2%	9,000	1.1%
Trucking & Warehousing	5,200	5,100	2.0%	5,200	0.0%
Other Transportation	3,900	3,800	2.6%	3,800	2.6%
COMMUNICATION	3,600	3,600	0.0%	3,500	2.9%
UTILITIES	4,700	4,700	0.0%	4,800	-2.1%

NORTH DAKOTA
NONAG WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(Rounded to Fifty)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	October 1989	September 1989	September 1989	October 1988	October 1988
TRADE	69,800	69,900	-0.1%	68,300	2.2%
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,300	19,300	0.0%	19,100	1.0%
Durable Goods	8,900	9,000	-1.1%	8,800	1.1%
Nondurable Goods	10,400	10,300	1.0%	10,300	1.0%
RETAIL TRADE	50,500	50,600	-0.2%	49,200	2.6%
General Merchandise	6,700	6,500	3.1%	6,700	0.0%
Food Stores	7,300	7,300	0.0%	6,900	5.8%
Auto Dlrs.& Serv.Stations	6,600	6,600	0.0%	6,600	0.0%
Apparel & Accessories	2,700	2,600	3.8%	2,600	3.8%
Other Retail	27,200	27,600	-1.4%	26,400	3.0%
FINANCE,INS & REAL ESTATE	12,150	12,250	-0.8%	12,200	-0.4%
FINANCE	6,500	6,500	0.0%	6,500	0.0%
Banking	4,100	4,100	0.0%	4,100	0.0%
Other Finance	2,400	2,400	0.0%	2,400	0.0%
INSURANCE	3,800	3,900	-2.6%	3,900	-2.6%
REAL ESTATE	1,850	1,850	0.0%	1,800	2.8%
SERVICES	67,000	66,600	0.6%	64,900	3.2%
Lodging	4,500	4,400	2.3%	4,400	2.3%
Health Services	27,800	27,800	0.0%	27,000	3.0%
Nursing Care & Hosp.	20,200	20,200	0.0%	19,700	2.5%
Other Medical Services	7,600	7,600	0.0%	7,300	4.1%
Other Services	34,700	34,400	0.9%	33,500	3.6%
GOVERNMENT	67,000	64,800	3.4%	66,100	1.4%
FEDERAL	10,700	10,700	0.0%	10,500	1.9%
STATE & LOCAL	56,300	54,100	4.1%	55,600	1.3%
STATE GOVERNMENT	20,400	18,700	9.1%	20,000	2.0%
Educational Services	13,300	11,400	16.7%	13,200	0.8%
Other State Government	7,100	7,300	-2.7%	6,800	4.4%
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	35,900	35,400	1.4%	35,600	0.8%
Educational Services	18,200	17,100	6.4%	17,800	2.2%
Other Local Government	17,700	18,300	-3.3%	17,800	-0.6%

NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	October 1989	September 1989	September 1989	October 1988	October 1988
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL	77,550	75,400	2.9%	74,950	3.5%
MINING & CONST.	4,000	4,000	0.0%	3,800	5.3%
MANUFACTURING	5,350	5,400	-0.9%	5,150	3.9%
Durable Goods	2,400	2,400	0.0%	2,200	9.1%
Nondurable Goods	2,950	3,000	-1.7%	2,950	0.0%
TRANS., COMM. & UTIL.	5,000	5,000	0.0%	4,800	4.2%
TRADE	22,300	22,200	0.5%	21,700	2.8%
Wholesale Trade	6,900	6,900	0.0%	6,600	4.5%
Retail Trade	15,400	15,300	0.7%	15,100	2.0%
FINANCE, INS. & R E	4,500	4,500	0.0%	4,400	2.3%
SERVICES	21,500	20,200	6.4%	20,600	4.4%
GOVERNMENT	14,900	14,100	5.7%	14,500	2.8%
Federal	2,200	2,200	0.0%	2,100	4.8%
State & Local	12,700	11,900	6.7%	12,400	2.4%
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	32,050	30,600	4.7%	31,250	2.6%
MINING & CONST.	1,500	1,600	-6.3%	1,550	-3.2%
MANUFACTURING	1,600	1,600	0.0%	1,650	-3.0%
TRANS., COMM. & UTIL.	1,750	1,650	6.1%	1,650	6.1%
TRADE	9,300	9,050	2.8%	8,900	4.5%
Wholesale Trade	1,600	1,550	3.2%	1,500	6.7%
Retail Trade	7,700	7,500	2.7%	7,400	4.1%
FINANCE, INS. & R E	1,100	1,100	0.0%	1,100	0.0%
SERVICES	6,900	6,900	0.0%	6,800	1.5%
GOVERNMENT	9,900	8,700	13.8%	9,600	3.1%
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	39,650	39,700	-0.1%	38,250	3.7%
MINING	200	200	0.0%	200	0.0%
CONSTRUCTION	1,700	1,750	-2.9%	1,650	3.0%
MANUFACTURING	2,200	2,200	0.0%	2,200	0.0%
TRANS., COMM. & UTIL.	2,800	2,700	3.7%	2,700	3.7%
TRADE	10,400	10,500	-1.0%	9,900	5.1%
Wholesale Trade	2,200	2,200	0.0%	2,200	0.0%
Retail Trade	8,200	8,300	-1.2%	7,700	6.5%
FINANCE, INS. & R E	1,550	1,550	0.0%	1,600	-3.1%
SERVICES	12,000	12,000	0.0%	11,400	5.3%
GOVERNMENT	8,800	8,800	0.0%	8,600	2.3%

LABOR FORCE

NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	October 1989	September 1989	September 1989	October 1988	October 1988
UNITED STATES					
(In Thousands)					
Labor Force	125,815	125,742	0.1%	123,778	1.6%
Employment	119,254	119,158	0.1%	117,260	1.7%
Unemployment	6,561	6,584	-0.3%	6,518	0.7%
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	5.2%	xxx	5.3%	xxx
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	328,860	330,850	-0.6%	327,630	0.4%
Employment	316,240	316,910	-0.2%	313,940	0.7%
Unemployment	12,620	13,940	-9.5%	13,690	-7.8%
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	4.2%	xxx	4.2%	xxx
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	86,820	85,570	1.5%	85,560	1.5%
Employment	84,930	83,370	1.9%	83,620	1.6%
Unemployment	1,890	2,200	-14.1%	1,940	-2.6%
Unemployment Rate	2.2%	2.6%	xxx	2.3%	xxx
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	35,680	35,120	1.6%	34,960	2.1%
Employment	34,410	33,700	2.1%	33,730	2.0%
Unemployment	1,270	1,420	-10.6%	1,230	3.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	4.1%	xxx	3.5%	xxx
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	46,200	47,210	-2.1%	44,240	4.4%
Employment	44,410	45,130	-1.6%	42,390	4.8%
Unemployment	1,790	2,080	-13.9%	1,850	-3.2%
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	4.4%	xxx	4.2%	xxx

U. S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Grand Forks Metropolitan Statistical Area includes Grand Forks County.
The Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh, Morton Counties.
The Fargo-Moorhead MSA includes Cass and Clay Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

(In Thousands)
September1989

	NORTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	330.8	2,353.3	365.4	401.9
Employment	316.9	2,258.0	351.1	381.5
Unemployment	13.9	95.3	14.3	20.4
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.1%	3.9%	5.1%

UNITED STATES

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	October 1989	September 1989	October 1988	October 1989	September 1989	October 1988	October 1989	September 1989	October 1988
MANUFACTURING	432.14	434.66	423.33	41.0	41.2	41.3	10.54	10.55	10.25
Durable Goods	459.82	462.87	453.18	41.5	41.7	42.0	11.08	11.10	10.79
Nondurable Goods	394.94	397.88	382.45	40.3	40.6	40.3	9.80	9.80	9.49

NORTH DAKOTA

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	October 1989	September 1989	October 1988	October 1989	September 1989	October 1988	October 1989	September 1989	October 1988
MANUFACTURING	361.09	360.70	336.00	40.3	39.9	40.0	8.96	9.04	8.40
Durable Goods	399.90	402.75	362.34	43.0	43.4	41.6	9.30	9.28	8.71
Nondurable Goods	323.84	317.63	313.82	37.7	36.3	38.6	8.59	8.75	8.13
Food & Kindred	333.32	330.63	329.89	39.4	37.7	41.6	8.46	8.77	7.93
Printing and Publishing	292.32	287.35	278.30	31.5	30.7	31.2	9.28	9.36	8.92

FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	October 1989	September 1989	October 1988	October 1989	September 1989	October 1988	October 1989	September 1989	October 1988
MANUFACTURING	381.36	388.94	345.77	42.0	42.6	40.3	9.08	9.13	8.58
Durable Goods	397.46	422.42	337.20	42.6	44.7	40.0	9.33	9.45	8.43
Nondurable Goods	368.16	358.97	352.81	41.6	40.7	40.6	8.85	8.82	8.69

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1982-84=100)

ITEM	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1988	October 1989	September 1989	Percent Change From September 1989	October 1988	Percent Change From October 1988
All Items	118.3	125.6	125.0	0.5%	120.2	4.5%
Food & Beverage	118.2	126.3	125.9	0.3%	120.3	5.0%
Housing	118.5	124.4	124.3	0.1%	119.9	3.8%
Apparel & Upkeep	115.4	122.7	120.0	2.3%	120.7	1.7%
Transportation	108.7	114.5	113.7	0.7%	110.0	4.1%
Medical Care	138.6	152.7	151.7	0.7%	141.2	8.1%
Entertainment	120.3	128.4	127.8	0.5%	121.8	5.4%

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX

UNITED STATES AVERAGE

ITEM	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1988	October 1989	September 1989	Percent Change From September 1989	October 1988	Percent Change From October 1988
All Commodities	106.9	112.7	112.3	0.4%	108.2	4.2%
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	110.0	114.3	114.4	-0.1%	113.5	0.7%
Industrial Commodities	106.3	112.4	111.9	0.4%	107.1	4.9%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	OCT'89	SEP'89	OCT'88	OCT'89	SEP'89	OCT'88	OCT'89	SEP'89	OCT'88	OCT'89	SEP'89	OCT'88
Divide	1,394	1,411	1,354	1,355	1,375	1,311	39	36	43	2.8%	2.6%	3.2%
McKenzie	3,228	3,274	2,819	3,102	3,135	2,703	126	139	116	3.9%	4.2%	4.1%
Williams	11,312	11,667	11,685	10,803	11,153	11,119	509	514	566	4.5%	4.4%	4.8%
REGION 1	15,934	16,352	15,858	15,260	15,663	15,133	674	689	725	4.2%	4.2%	4.6%
Bottineau	3,435	3,484	3,529	3,265	3,327	3,333	170	157	196	4.9%	4.5%	5.6%
Burke	1,458	1,470	1,257	1,398	1,410	1,193	60	60	64	4.1%	4.1%	5.1%
McHenry	2,524	2,665	2,597	2,321	2,418	2,348	203	247	249	8.0%	9.3%	9.6%
Mountrail	3,330	3,400	3,231	3,115	3,165	2,994	215	235	237	6.5%	6.9%	7.3%
Pierce	2,501	2,516	2,433	2,435	2,446	2,364	66	70	69	2.6%	2.8%	2.8%
Renville	1,263	1,281	1,225	1,201	1,217	1,164	62	64	61	4.9%	5.0%	5.0%
Ward	26,022	26,147	26,225	24,889	24,870	24,952	1,133	1,277	1,273	4.4%	4.9%	4.9%
REGION 2	40,533	40,963	40,497	38,624	38,853	38,348	1,909	2,110	2,149	4.7%	5.2%	5.3%
Benson	3,006	3,179	3,924	2,671	2,769	3,734	335	410	190	11.1%	12.9%	4.8%
Cavalier	2,614	2,650	2,689	2,506	2,513	2,557	108	137	132	4.1%	5.2%	4.9%
Eddy	1,496	1,511	1,382	1,415	1,425	1,294	81	86	88	5.4%	5.7%	6.4%
Ramsey	6,525	6,594	6,368	6,316	6,363	6,162	209	231	206	3.2%	3.5%	3.2%
Rolette	4,899	5,095	4,337	4,273	4,408	3,603	626	687	734	12.8%	13.5%	16.9%
Towner	1,823	1,835	1,734	1,784	1,797	1,694	39	38	40	2.1%	2.1%	2.3%
REGION 3	20,363	20,864	20,434	18,965	19,275	19,044	1,398	1,589	1,390	6.9%	7.6%	6.8%
Grand Forks	35,687	35,125	34,958	34,414	33,701	33,727	1,273	1,424	1,231	3.6%	4.1%	3.5%
Nelson	1,953	1,987	1,913	1,889	1,921	1,835	64	66	78	3.3%	3.3%	4.1%
Pembina	5,808	5,577	6,031	5,401	5,153	5,555	407	424	476	7.0%	7.6%	7.9%
Walsh	7,969	8,224	8,135	7,615	7,849	7,731	354	375	404	4.4%	4.6%	5.0%
REGION 4	51,417	50,913	51,037	49,319	48,624	48,848	2,098	2,289	2,189	4.1%	4.5%	4.3%
Cass	61,203	60,545	59,703	59,861	59,143	58,361	1,342	1,402	1,342	2.2%	2.3%	2.2%
Ransom	2,724	2,792	2,724	2,658	2,722	2,643	66	70	81	2.4%	2.5%	3.0%
Richland	8,654	8,668	9,063	8,402	8,363	8,711	252	305	352	2.9%	3.5%	3.9%
Sargent	2,678	2,728	2,649	2,618	2,664	2,594	60	64	55	2.2%	2.3%	2.1%
Steele	1,149	1,118	1,178	1,077	1,070	1,124	72	48	54	6.3%	4.3%	4.6%
Traill	4,511	4,521	4,686	4,399	4,316	4,542	112	205	144	2.5%	4.5%	3.1%
REGION 5	80,919	80,372	80,003	79,015	78,278	77,975	1,904	2,094	2,028	2.4%	2.6%	2.5%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	OCT'89	SEP'89	OCT'88	OCT'89	SEP'89	OCT'88	OCT'89	SEP'89	OCT'88	OCT'89	SEP'89	OCT'88
Barnes	5,877	5,913	5,535	5,759	5,768	5,383	118	145	152	2.0%	2.5%	2.7%
Dickey	3,019	3,059	3,177	2,961	2,985	3,047	58	74	130	1.9%	2.4%	4.1%
Foster	2,254	2,251	2,186	2,186	2,167	2,103	68	84	83	3.0%	3.7%	3.8%
Griggs	1,682	1,630	1,627	1,610	1,582	1,559	72	48	68	4.3%	2.9%	4.2%
La Moure	2,256	2,313	2,372	2,208	2,251	2,298	48	62	74	2.1%	2.7%	3.1%
Logan	1,440	1,447	1,533	1,423	1,413	1,495	17	34	38	1.2%	2.3%	2.5%
McIntosh	2,191	2,183	2,280	2,154	2,131	2,242	37	52	38	1.7%	2.4%	1.7%
Stutsman	11,943	12,144	12,419	11,649	11,791	12,045	294	353	374	2.5%	2.9%	3.0%
Wells	2,866	2,880	2,877	2,711	2,729	2,718	155	151	159	5.4%	5.2%	5.5%
REGION 6	33,528	33,820	34,006	32,661	32,817	32,890	867	1,003	1,116	2.6%	3.0%	3.3%
Burleigh	33,705	34,431	32,262	32,459	32,980	30,981	1,246	1,451	1,281	3.7%	4.2%	4.0%
Emmons	2,233	2,235	2,172	2,150	2,131	2,084	83	104	88	3.7%	4.7%	4.1%
Grant	1,887	1,847	1,805	1,792	1,765	1,713	95	82	92	5.0%	4.4%	5.1%
Kidder	1,517	1,505	1,535	1,434	1,413	1,445	83	92	90	5.5%	6.1%	5.9%
McLean	4,141	4,389	4,701	3,945	4,098	4,464	196	291	237	4.7%	6.6%	5.0%
Mercer	5,511	5,632	6,071	5,188	5,259	5,697	323	373	374	5.9%	6.6%	6.2%
Morton	12,499	12,772	11,976	11,955	12,147	11,411	544	625	565	4.4%	4.9%	4.7%
Oliver	937	965	1,433	889	907	1,390	48	58	43	5.1%	6.0%	3.0%
Sheridan	1,130	1,116	1,148	1,093	1,066	1,072	37	50	76	3.3%	4.5%	6.6%
Sioux	1,262	1,244	1,200	1,161	1,138	1,091	101	106	109	8.0%	8.5%	9.1%
REGION 7	64,822	66,136	64,303	62,066	62,904	61,348	2,756	3,232	2,955	4.3%	4.9%	4.6%
Adams	1,652	1,691	1,729	1,615	1,643	1,675	37	48	54	2.2%	2.8%	3.1%
Billings	886	865	788	861	839	734	25	26	54	2.8%	3.0%	6.9%
Bowman	2,153	2,152	2,209	2,081	2,094	2,088	72	58	121	3.3%	2.7%	5.5%
Dunn	1,829	1,778	1,657	1,722	1,672	1,534	107	106	123	5.9%	6.0%	7.4%
Gldn Valley	1,013	1,064	1,132	992	1,038	1,089	21	26	43	2.1%	2.4%	3.8%
Hettinger	1,784	1,813	1,815	1,738	1,749	1,756	46	64	59	2.6%	3.5%	3.3%
Slope	437	422	507	408	390	464	29	32	43	6.6%	7.6%	8.5%
Stark	11,587	11,655	11,648	10,913	11,077	11,012	674	578	636	5.8%	5.0%	5.5%
REGION 8	21,341	21,440	21,485	20,330	20,502	20,352	1,011	938	1,133	4.7%	4.4%	5.3%
STATE TOTALS	328,861	330,853	327,625	316,242	316,914	313,937	12,619	13,939	13,688	3.8%	4.2%	4.2%

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which included the 12 of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded form the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often call the "Cost of Living Index", it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures of the average changes in proces received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all states of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay form the pay period which included the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

JOB SERVICE OFFICE LOCATIONS

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216 Second Street
Phone: 224-2880

FARGO
1350 32nd Street South
Phone: 237-7113

JAMESTOWN
429 2nd Street Southwest
Phone: 251-2256

BEULAH
119 East Main
Phone: 873-5607

DEVILS LAKE
3011 South College Drive
Phone: 662- 2181

GRAND FORKS
2016 South Washington
Phone: 777-3711

MANDAN
501 1st Street Northwest
Phone: 663-6461

ROLLA
103 East Main
Phone: 477-5631

UND - GRAND FORKS
McCannel Hall - Room 141
Phone: 777-3904

DICKINSON
66 Osborn Drive
Phone: 227-2361

GRAFTON
728 Hill Avenue South
Phone: 352-2202

MINOT
3416 North Broadway
Phone: 852-2164

NDSU - FARGO
Job Information and
Placement Center 211 Ceres Hall
Phone: 237-7111

VALLEY CITY
2425 West Main
Phone: 845-7261

WAHPETON
524 2nd Avenue North
Phone: 671-2711

WILLISTON
422 1st Avenue West
Phone: 572-7771

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